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Included with this response (by US Post Office mail) is a specimen of the present claimed invention. This specimen is being provided for the courtesy of the Examiner and supplement the comments hereinbelow. ✓

The specification has been amended for purposes of clarity to correct an error in translation of the original PCT application. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment adds no new matter to the application and serves only to clarify the present invention.

Claim 23 has been formally amended strictly for purposes of clarifying the claim. It is respectfully submitted that no new issues are raised by these amendments. However, should the Examiner feel that these amendments raise new issues, Applicant will make amendments the Examiner deems necessary to remove any new issues that the Examiner considers are raised by the amendments to the claim.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Welch 4,783,114 for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

The present claimed invention recites a door internal element (3) for motor vehicle doors (1) arranged between a door outer side and an inner lining (7). The door internal element (3) includes two solid boundary layers (52) and a foamed, porous central layer (54) formed between the two solid boundary layers. A sealing body is part of the door internal element and disposed at an edge of the two solid boundary layers.